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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The Director referred to cables which Mr. Kirkpatrick had sent from Saigon. I later obtained copies of these cables and noted that Kirk was very pessimistic about the situation there. He advised against the evacuation of dependents at this time.

b. The Director said that he and Secretary McNamara would go to Saigon in two or three weeks to take a firsthand look at the situation.

c. The Director also announced that the service representatives on the United States Intelligence Board had been withdrawn. They are to sit as observers, however, and will have the right of dissent from any estimate.

2. John Tietjen was up to brief me on a number of maneuvers which have been going on recently involving the use of psychologists by the Technical Services Division. It all adds up to no real progress, with TSD and the FI Staff still maneuvering for independence in this area. We are waiting for [REDACTED] to appoint the chairman of a task force to be made up of personnel from the Medical Staff as well as DD/P to conduct a survey of psychological requirements in the Clandestine Services. I re-emphasized to John that I thought the only way he was ever going to get at the problem was to complete this survey.

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3. Emmett Echols was in to discuss several items.

a. The Office of Training has requested a one-year extension of [REDACTED] contract at [REDACTED]. I told Emmett that this was all right provided OTR did not have among the personnel they are carrying over ceiling someone with the same qualifications. I also said that [REDACTED] should be called in now and counseled that this contract could not be extended indefinitely and that he should look elsewhere for a job.

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b. Emmett advised me that the report due later this month on the employment of women in the Agency should be sent to Secretary Wirtz,

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not to the Civil Service Commission. He was inclined to furnish them some statistics on the percentage of women employees in the Agency. I said that I did not think we should do this; on the contrary, we should stand very firmly on the law and decline to furnish these statistical reports.

c. Emmett recommended that we appoint a woman to the Personnel Advisory Board. I agreed with this and asked that he solicit nominations from the Deputy Directorates.

4. [REDACTED] was down to say that he had received a formal complaint alleging racial discrimination from an ex-employee of the Office of Logistics who worked most recently in the [REDACTED] printing plant but prior to that at the [REDACTED]. I encouraged Frank to make an unannounced inspection of the [REDACTED] printing plant to satisfy himself as to whether any of the allegations were true.

5. Emmett Echols discussed with me the case of [REDACTED]. Emmett wanted Elmer to become the Deputy Chief of the Personnel Operations Division and felt that he should not become too involved in other duties such as Secretary of the Training Selection Board, the Educational Fund Foundation, etc. I asked him to draft a brief note for my signature to Mr. Kirkpatrick along these lines.

6. I talked with [REDACTED] about a proposed assignment for him to go to [REDACTED]. I told Bill that I was reluctant to see him go since I felt we needed his strength and special competence, particularly during the next two years. He went to great lengths to explain his position, the gist of which is as follows: He considers himself a communicator and definitely from a professional point of view would like [REDACTED]. He is confident that [REDACTED] can do his job very well indeed. Bill said that he does not aspire to be the Director of Communications and, in fact, would prefer to be the Chief of Operations than any other officer in the Office of Communications. I told him that with this assurance I would not stand in the way of his assignment to [REDACTED] but that if anything should happen to [REDACTED] he should realize that we would start an entirely new ball game.

7. I talked to Bob Fuchs about the [REDACTED] case, and we agreed that a cable should go out advising the station that we were going to replace [REDACTED] forthwith. We will reserve judgment on final action pending a full investigation when we have heard [REDACTED] side of the case after he returns to Headquarters.

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